

REMARKS

The following remarks are responsive to the Office Action of November 28, 2007.

In the Office Action dated November 28, 2007, a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 was set forth requiring the Applicants to elect a single invention for examination. According to the Office Action, the groups of inventions being restricted were indicated as follows:

Group I, Claims 1-17, drawn to a method of determining inappropriate exposure amounts in a digital image using a histogram, classified in class 382, subclass 168; and

Group II, Claims 18-28, drawn to a method of determining inadequate quality in a digital image based on the file size ascertained from the resolution and compression rate, classified in class 348, subclass 231.6.

In response to the restriction requirement issued in the Office Action, the Applicants elect without traverse the claims of Group I (defined by the Patent Office to include claims 1-17) for immediate examination. Claims 18-28 are withdrawn from consideration at this time.

This application is believed to be in condition for allowance and early favorable action is requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney if that would be helpful in resolving any matters that might remain.

Respectfully submitted,

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